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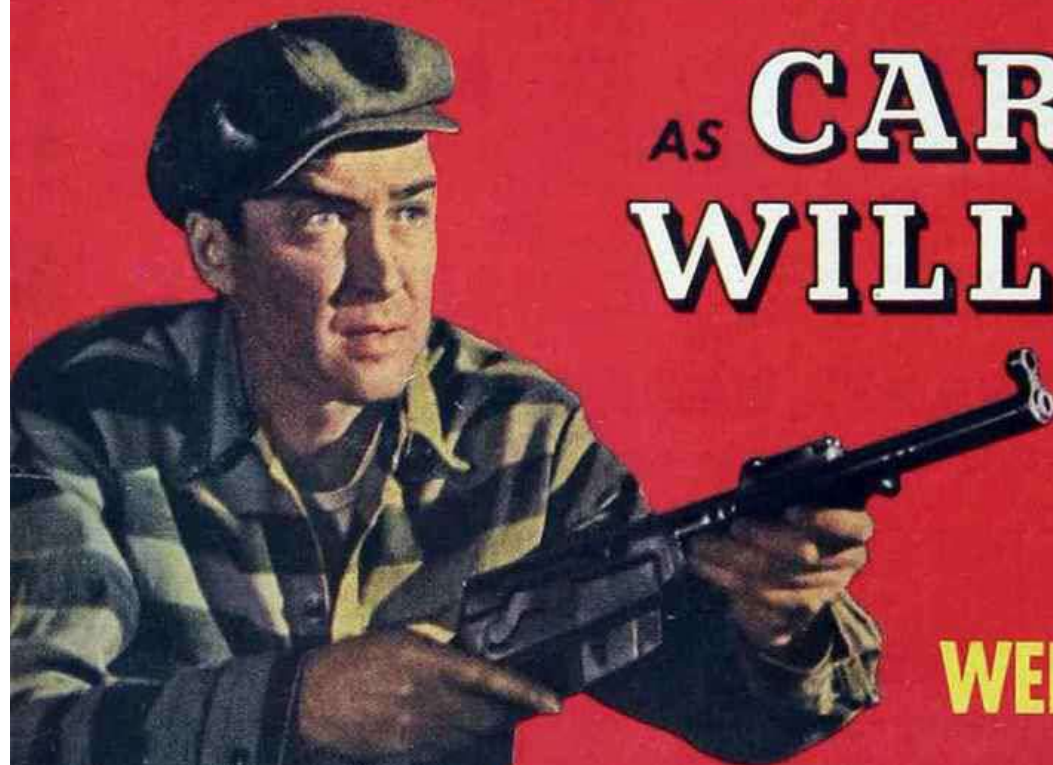
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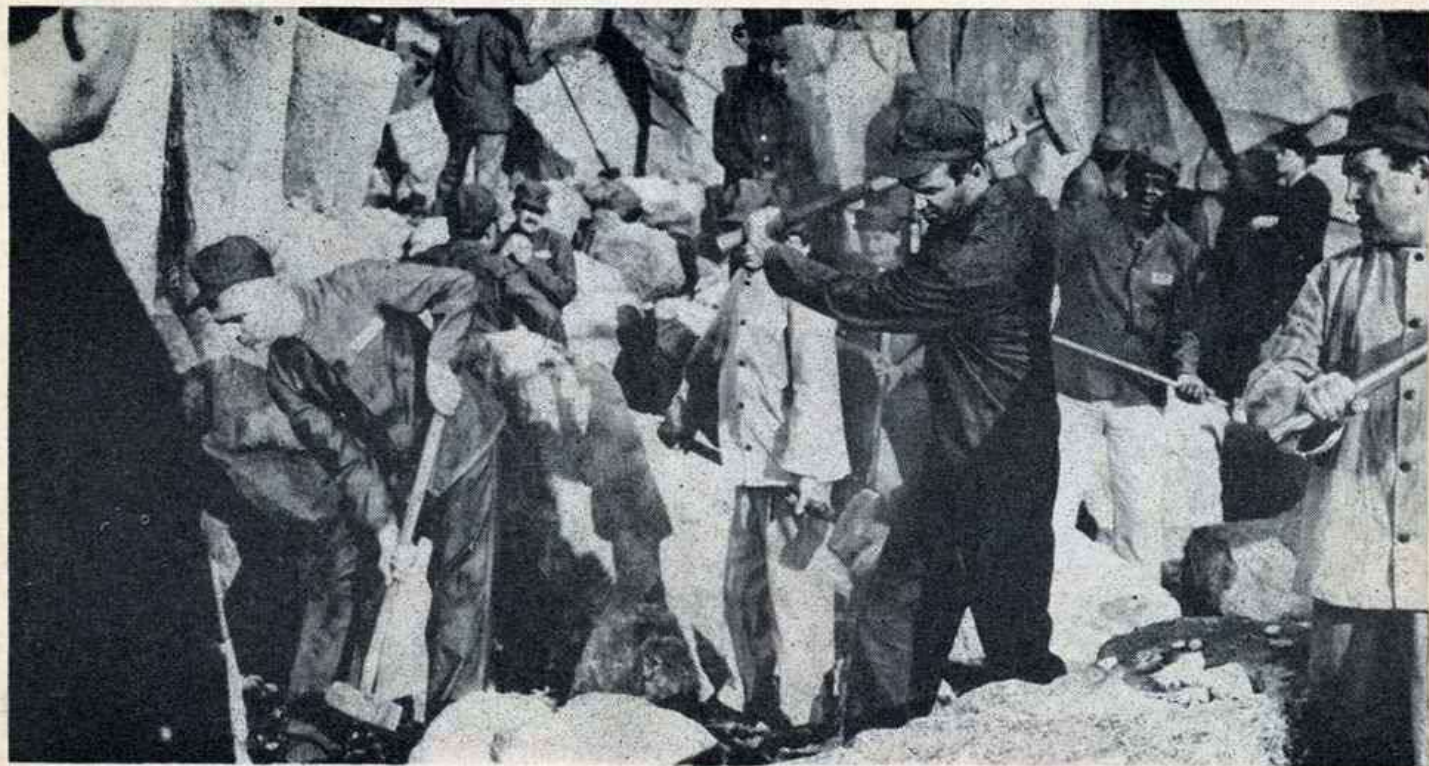
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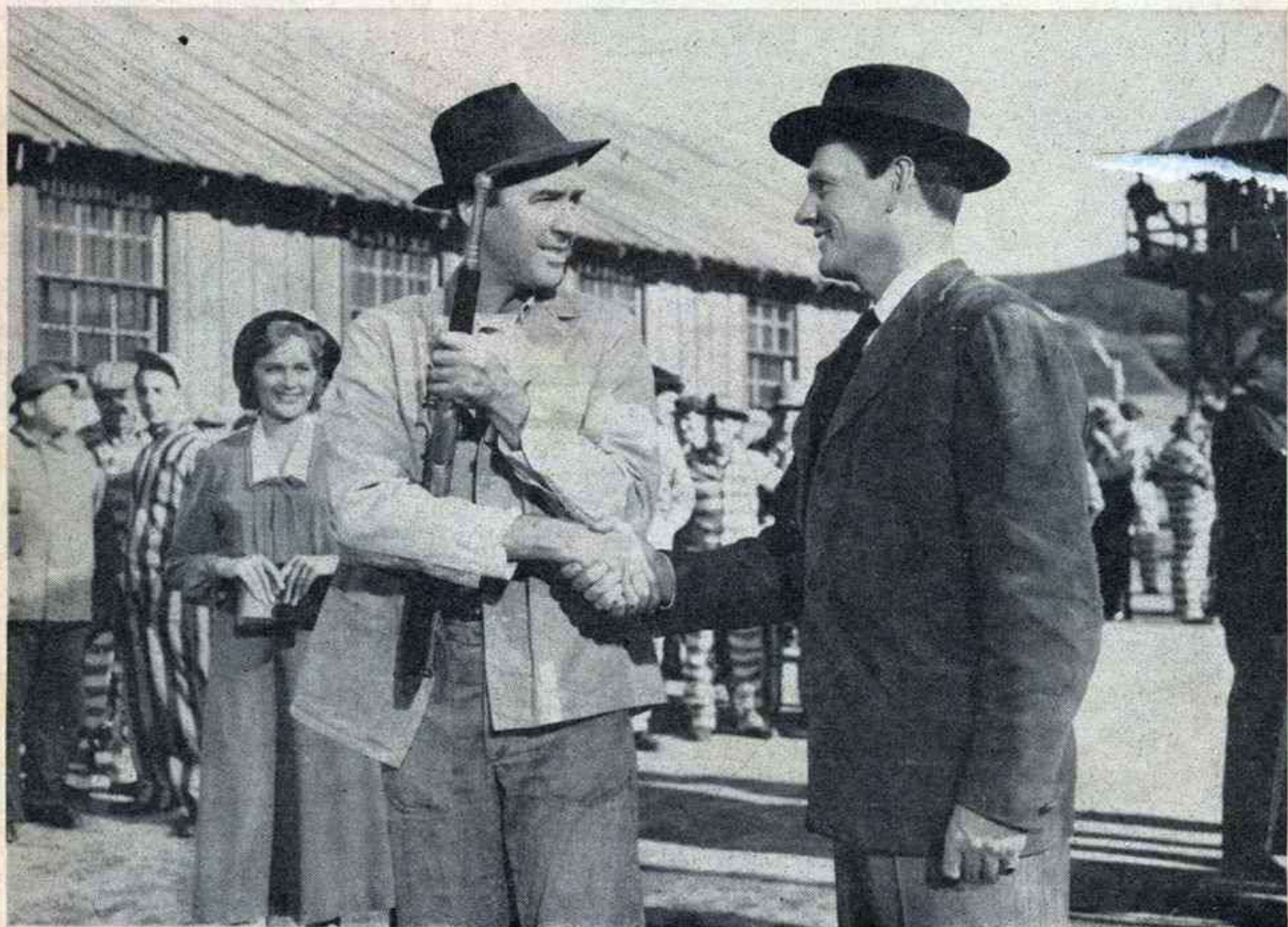




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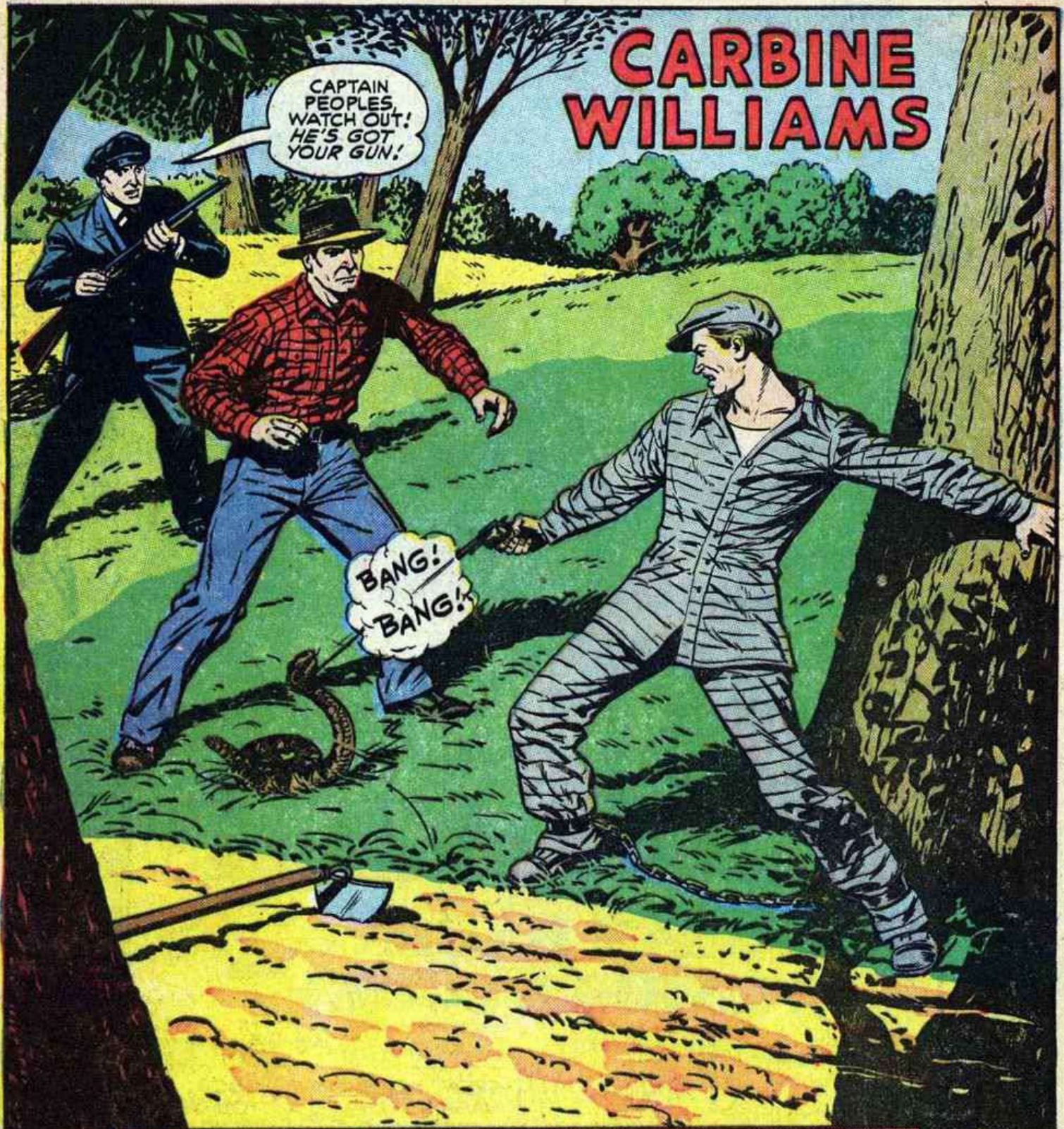
**CAST OF "CARBINE WILLIAMS"**

MARSH WILLIAMS.....JAMES STEWART  
MAGGIE WILLIAMS.....JEAN HAGEN  
CAPT. H. T. PEOPLES...WENDELL COREY  
CLAUDE WILLIAMS...CARL BENTON REID  
"DUTCH" KRUGER.....PAUL STEWART  
MOBLEY.....OTTO HULETT  
REDWICK KARSON.....RHYS WILLIAMS  
LIONEL DANIELS.....HERBERT HEYES  
LEON WILLIAMS.....JAMES ARNESS  
DAVID WILLIAMS.....BOBBY HYATT

SAM MARKLEY.....PORTER HALL  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....FAY ROOPE  
ANDREW WHITE.....RALPH DUMKE  
FEDER.....LEIF ERICKSON  
BILL STOCKTON.....HENRY CORDEN  
TRUAX.....FRANK RICHARDS  
SHERIFF.....HOWARD PETRIE  
TOM VENNAR.....STUART RANDALL  
JESSE RIMMER.....DAN RISS



# CARBINE WILLIAMS



**M**ARSH WILLIAMS LOVED LIFE—AND LIVED IT WITH AN UNTAMED TURBULENCE THAT KNEW NO RESPONSIBILITY AND NO LAW... UNTIL HIS UNBRIDLED RECKLESSNESS DROVE HIM INTO A PRISON CELL!

BUT NOT EVEN THE BRUTAL CLUTCH OF CIRCUMSTANCE COULD GRIND MARSH'S PROUD, FREE SPIRIT INTO THE MIRE! FOR IN THE FLAMES OF HIS TORMENT A NEW MAN WAS BORN, STEELED IN HEARTBREAK AND FORGED BY DISASTER! A MAN THE WORLD WOULD COME TO KNOW AND RESPECT AS ONE OF THE GREAT INVENTORS OF HIS TIME—**CARBINE WILLIAMS!**



**I**N THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN,  
THE HUGE WINCHESTER  
REPEATING ARMS COMPANY  
COVERS EIGHTY-SEVEN ACRES!



**M**EANWHILE, INSIDE THE  
PLANT...

IT'S COMING ALONG  
PRETTY GOOD,  
MR. WILLIAMS!

YES,  
IT IS!



**J**UST THEN...

OH, MR.  
WILLIAMS!  
MR. SWANSON WANTS  
TO SEE YOU! AND THERE'S  
A LONG-DISTANCE PHONE  
CALL FOR YOU IN HIS OFFICE!

THANKS!



**I**N THE GENERAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE MARSH TALKS ANXIOUS-  
LY ON THE PHONE!

NOW, MAGGIE! THERE'S  
NOTHING WRONG WITH DAVID  
GETTING INTO A FIGHT! IT  
HAPPENS TO BOYS ALL  
THE TIME! WAS  
HE HURT?

NOT  
WHERE IT  
SHOWS, MARSH!  
HE'S HURT DEEP DOWN  
INSIDE! HE'S BEEN  
HEARING TALK HERE  
AT THE SCHOOL—  
ABOUT YOU, MARSH!



COME HOME, SOON,  
MARSH! HE NEEDS  
YOU—TO TALK TO HIM,  
TO EXPLAIN!

I UNDER-  
STAND,  
MAGGIE! I  
WAS FIXING  
TO GET OUT OF  
HERE IN A  
COUPLE OF  
WEEKS, BUT  
I'LL LEAVE  
RIGHT  
AWAY!



**M**OMENTS LATER, MARSHALL WILLIAMS  
IS REPORTING TO MR. SWANSON!

GREAT NEWS FROM  
WASHINGTON,  
MARSH! THE  
ARMY'S TAKING  
THE THIRTY-  
O-SIX!

GOOD! I RECKON THEN  
YOU WON'T MIND MY  
LEAVING FOR A SPELL!  
THEY NEED ME DOWN  
HOME!



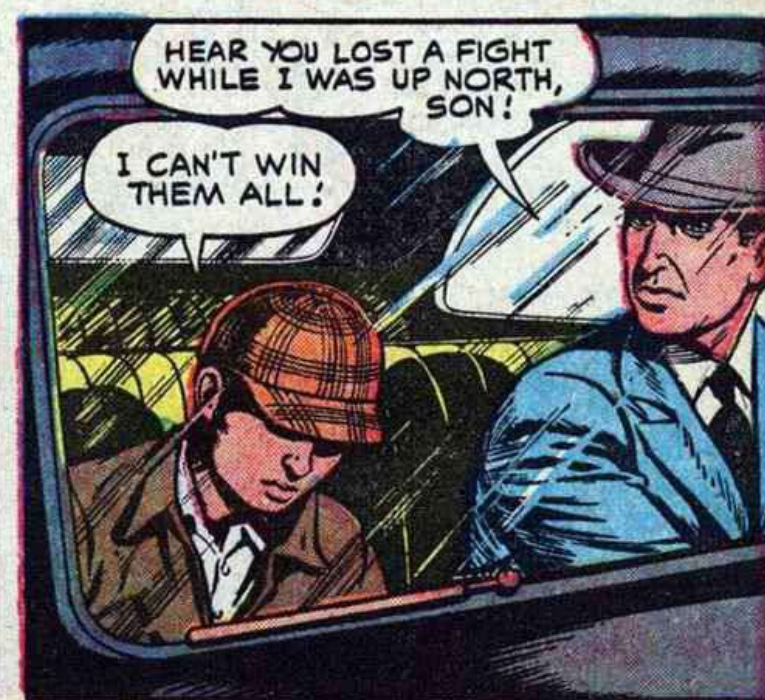




MY WORK IS DONE! THE DRAFTING DEPARTMENT HAS THE DESIGN!



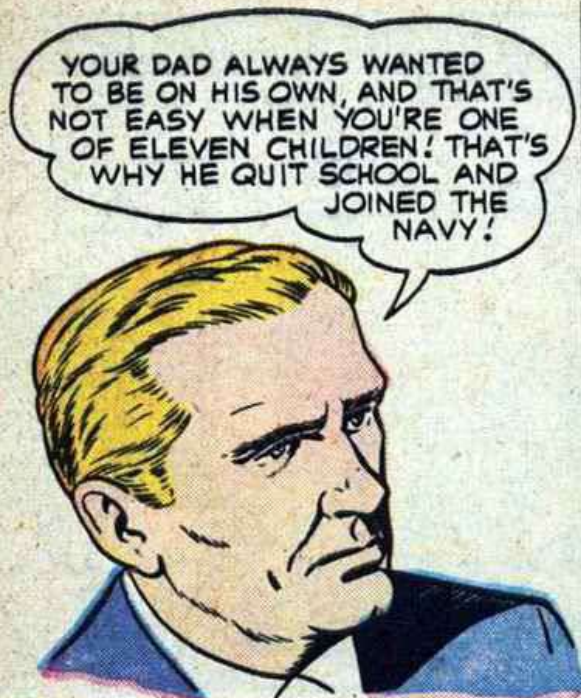
SORRY, MR. SWANSON! IT'S BEEN WAITING TOO LONG ALREADY!











YOUR DAD ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ON HIS OWN, AND THAT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOU'RE ONE OF ELEVEN CHILDREN! THAT'S WHY HE QUIT SCHOOL AND JOINED THE NAVY!



DAD - IN THE NAVY? I DIDN'T KNOW!

YES, BUT AFTER A COUPLE OF HITCHES YOUR DAD FOUND HE WASN'T MADE FOR THE NAVY - OR VICE-VERSA!



AND NOW, WITH CAP PEOPLES TALKING, DAVID LISTENED AND HIS MIND SAW THE PICTURES CLEARLY - THE DAY HIS FATHER, MARSHALL WILLIAMS, RETURNED HOME FROM THE NAVY!

MARSH, YOU'RE HOME! WHY DIDN'T YOU LET US KNOW?

HOWDY, POP! I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BE UP!



LATER, IN THE KITCHEN...

GLAD YOU'RE HOME, SON! THE WILLIAMSES BELONG TO THIS LAND - AND THE LAND BELONGS TO THE WILLIAMSES!

THERE'S A BIGGER REASON FOR MY COMING BACK, POP! I'M GOING TO MARRY MAGGIE! WE'RE SETTING THE DATE WHEN I GO OVER TO HER PLACE TO-MORROW!



HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? YOU CAN'T EVEN SUPPORT YOURSELF, LET ALONE A WIFE!

BUT, DAD, YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU'D GIVE ME A SHARE OF THE FARM - LIKE THE OTHER BOYS!



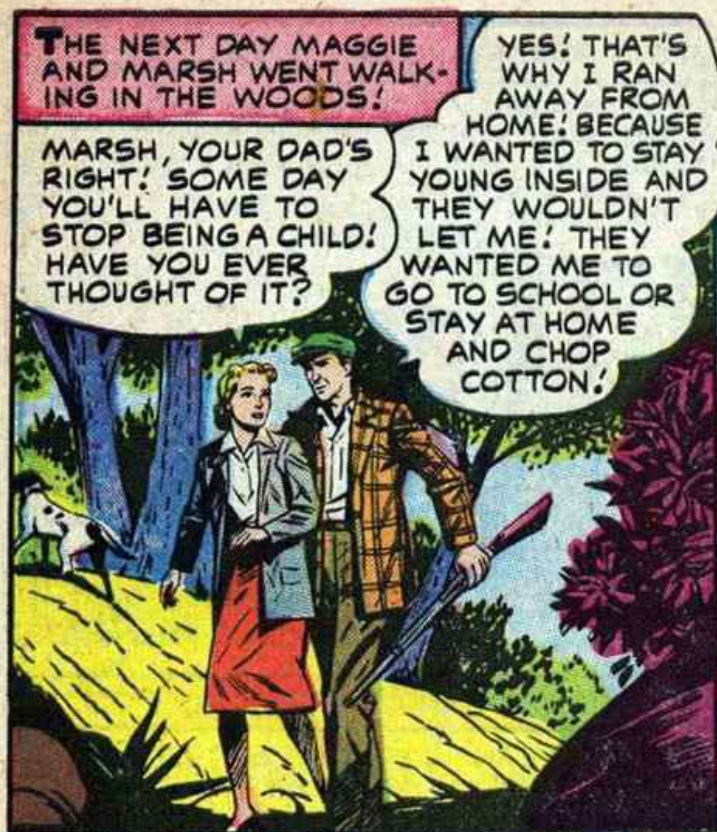
YOU'LL EARN YOUR SHARE THE SAME AS YOUR BROTHERS! WORK THE LAND TWO YEARS, AND IT'S YOURS! REMEMBER, SON, YOU HAVEN'T PROVED YOU'RE READY FOR RESPONSIBILITY!



THE WAY YOU QUIT SCHOOL TO JOIN THE NAVY - AND NOW YOU'RE QUITTING THE NAVY! NO, MARSH! TWO YEARS OR YOU GET NO LAND!

I'M NOT WAITING TWO YEARS TO MARRY MAGGIE! YOU CAN KEEP MY SHARE OF THE LAND!

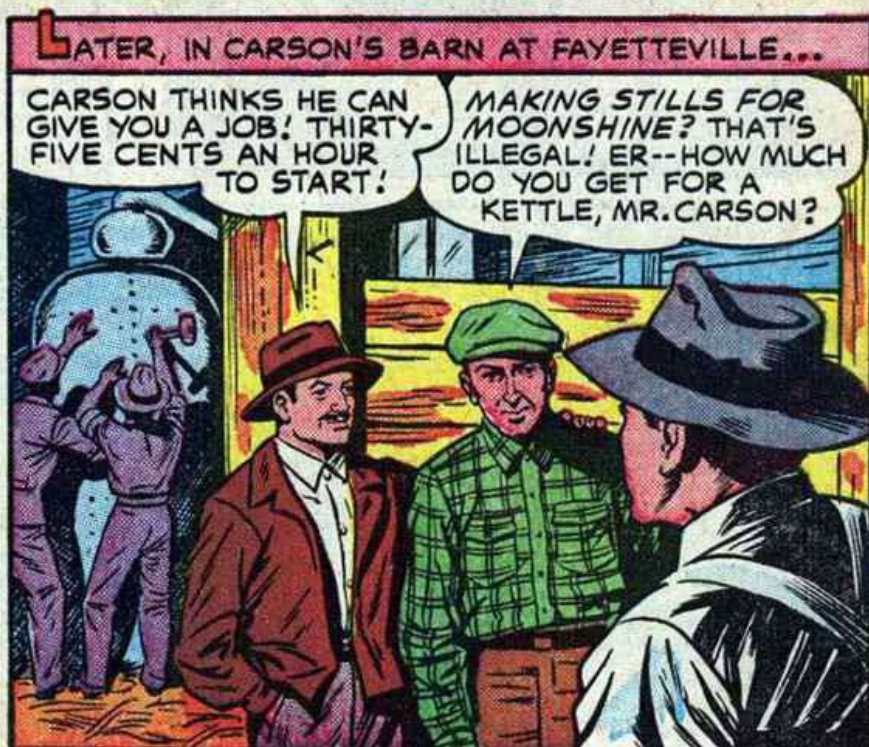




BUT AS HER LIPS REACH UPWARD, EAGER FOR HIS KISS, THE EVER-BOYISH MARSH STOOD ERECT!











BUT THOUGHTS OF EASY MONEY APPEALED TO MARSH, AND LIKE SO MANY MEN HE TURNED FROM THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW AND BECAME A MOONSHINER!

MORE APPLES, SAM! FASTER, ALL OF YOU! WE'RE RUNNING BEHIND ON OUR ORDERS!

SIMMER DOWN, JOE! I'M MAKING THE BEST CORN WHISKEY IN THE STATE, NOT THE MOST!



AS THE WEEKS WENT BY, MARSH KEPT THE STORY OF HIS NEW ENTERPRISE HIDDEN FROM MAGGIE!

ANOTHER RAISE? WHY, THAT'S YOUR THIRD IN SIX MONTHS! YOU'LL BE OWNING THE RAILROAD SOON INSTEAD OF WORKING ON THE SECTION GANG!

YES, MAG, IF THINGS KEEP MOVING LIKE THIS, I'LL BE MAKING A DOWN PAYMENT ON A FARM SOON!



SUDDENLY...

IT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE! I'D BETTER GO!

BANG! BANG!

IT'S AT THE GREGORY'S, NEXT DOOR!



MOMENTS LATER, MARSH IS AT HIS NEIGHBOR'S DOOR!

MARSH, THESE TWO MEN KILLED MY HUSBAND! THEY KILLED FRANK!

BETTER DROP THAT GUN, BOY! I'M RIMMER, FROM THE FEDERAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT! FRANK GREGORY TOOK A SHOT AT US!



WHY, FRANK GREGORY NEVER HURT NOBODY!

GREGORY OPERATED A STILL! THAT WAS HIS FIRST MISTAKE! HE PULLED A GUN ON VENNOR, HERE! THAT WAS HIS LAST MISTAKE!



AS THE REVENUERS LEAVE...

I DIDN'T KNOW FRANK WAS IN THE BLOCKADE WHISKEY BUSINESS-- DID YOU?

NO--I DIDN'T!



**BUT IN SPITE OF THIS FATEFUL WARNING, MARSH CONTINUED AT HIS RISKY OCCUPATION!**

THE FEDERAL REVENUE AGENTS ARE GETTING TOUGHER: FIRST THE GREGORY BOYS — AND TWO MORE GOT KILLED UPSTATE YESTERDAY!

THEY BETTER  
NOT COME  
AROUND  
HERE!

SUDDENLY...

THE ALCOHOL  
GOT PLUGGED UP!  
THE STILL IS  
EXPLODING!

WE CAN'T  
OPEN THE  
RELEASE CAP!  
IT WON'T  
TURN!

GET BACK, MEN! I'LL WIND  
THIS CLOTH AROUND MY HAND  
AND TRY TO OPEN THAT CAP!

I'VE GOT TO OPEN IT  
BEFORE IT EXPLODES!

SUDDENLY THE VALVE GIVES WAY!

AAAIEEE!

**H**OURS LATER THEY TOOK MARSH HOME TO FACE A HEARTSICK MAGGIE!

HOW COULD YOU  
DO IT, MARSH?  
DIDN'T FRANK GREGORY'S  
GETTING KILLED MEAN  
ANYTHING TO YOU?

I MEANT TO TELL  
YOU ABOUT THE  
STILL, MAG, AS  
SOON AS I SAVED  
ENOUGH FOR A  
DOWN PAYMENT  
ON A FARM!















ON HIS WAY TO PRISON A KINDLY SHERIFF PERMITTED MARSH TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIS FAMILY!

YOU'VE ALL GOT TO FORGET ME! I'VE CAUSED ENOUGH GRIEF! I DON'T WANT ANYONE WRITING TO ME! THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY, AND I'VE GOT TO DO IT MY OWN WAY!



MARSH! LOOK AT ME! PLEASE DON'T LOOK AWAY!

YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T STAY MARRIED TO A CRIMINAL! I'VE TALKED TO THE LAWYERS, MAG! THEY'LL ARRANGE A DIVORCE!



YOU'RE MY HUSBAND, MARSH! I'LL WAIT NO MATTER HOW LONG IT IS! BUT PROMISE ME ONE THING! YOU MUSTN'T TRY TO ESCAPE!

I PROMISE, MAGGIE! I'LL DO MY TIME!



SOON...



IN THOSE YEARS PRISON CONDITIONS WERE BRUTAL! WALLED IN WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS, THE GUARDS FELT THAT THEY MUST FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE! IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE MARSH WAS IN TROUBLE!

HEY, YOU! STOP LOAFING! GET BUSY WITH THE HAMMER!

OH, MY SIDE! I'VE GOT A PAIN!



A PAIN? HERE?

OOF!





YOU'LL BE HAVING THAT PAIN FOR THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS! NOW PICK UP THAT HAMMER AND GET BUSY!



ALL RIGHT, YOU DEVIL! I'LL SHOW YOU!



MY SIDE! OHHHHHHHH!!



WHEN MARSH AWOKE MANY HOURS LATER, HE WAS IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL! HIS BROTHER WAS SITTING AT HIS BEDSIDE!

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, MARSH! YOUR APPENDIX BUSTED! MAGGIE'S WAITING OUTSIDE!



I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER, LEON! I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY!

TAKE IT EASY, MARSH! IT'S TOUGHEST AT THE START!

YES! THEY TELL ME IT GETS EASIER AS SOON AS YOU REALIZE YOU'RE AN ANIMAL—AND START ACTING LIKE ONE!



YES, IT WAS THE SAVAGE, BRUTAL EXISTENCE OF CAGED ANIMALS—AND WHEN MARSH RECOVERED, HE SLIPPED INTO THE JUNGLE OF PRISON LIFE!

THERE GOES YANCEY YAPPING TO THE BULLS AGAIN!

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM! THERE'S NO COPPER IN YANCEY!









AS THE ALARM SPREAD, THE GUARDS HELD A GENERAL INSPECTION AND SEARCHED FOR HIDDEN WEAPONS!

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE WITH A KNIFE! PUT HIM WITH THE OTHERS!



OKAY, WILLIAMS! LIFT YOUR HANDS! I'M GOING TO SEARCH THAT BANDAGE ON YOUR OPERATION!

TAKE IT EASY, MOBLEY! YOU WERE WRONG ABOUT THIS GUY ONCE!



I TOLD YOU - I KNOW THESE RATS!

ALL RIGHT, TAKE HIM AWAY WITH THE OTHERS!



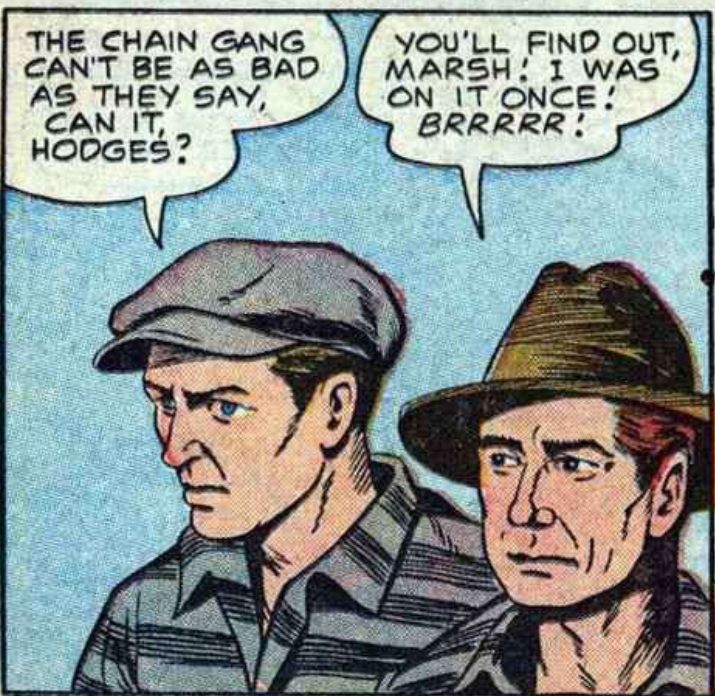
THE NEXT DAY A GROUP OF PRISONERS WAS LINED UP IN THE COURTYARD!

IT'S GRADUATION DAY, MEN! WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO! BUT YOU ASKED FOR TROUBLE AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT! ON THE CHAIN GANG!



THE CHAIN GANG CAN'T BE AS BAD AS THEY SAY, CAN IT, HODGES?

YOU'LL FIND OUT, MARSH! I WAS ON IT ONCE! BRRRRR!



THE THOUGHT OF THE CHAIN GANG DROVE HODGES TO DESPERATION! AND AS THE PRISON TRAIN MOVED ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE...

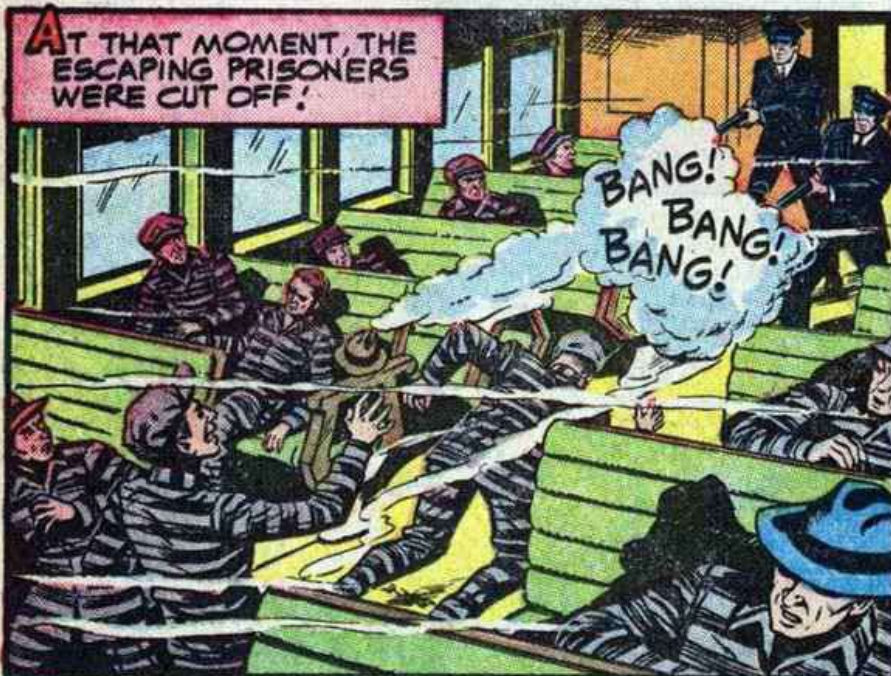
ALL RIGHT, MEN, THE

GUARD JUST WENT INTO THE WASH-ROOM! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A BREAK!

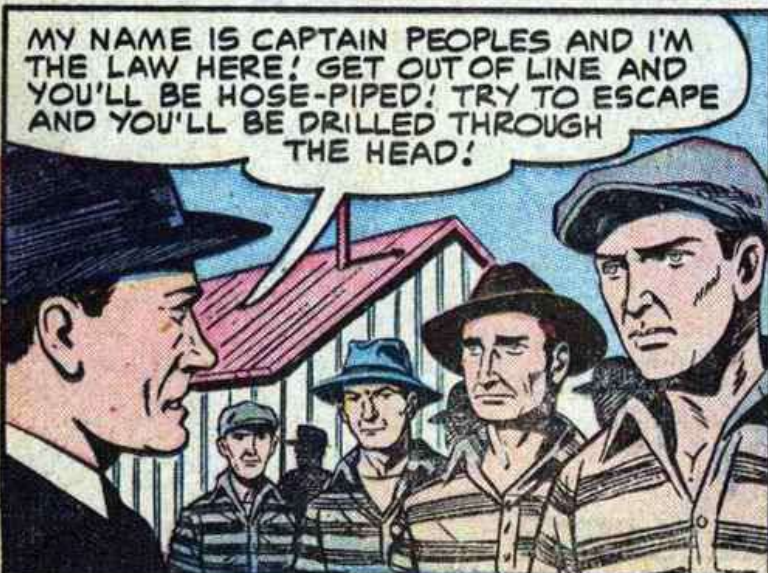
NOT ME, HODGES! I'M STAYING!





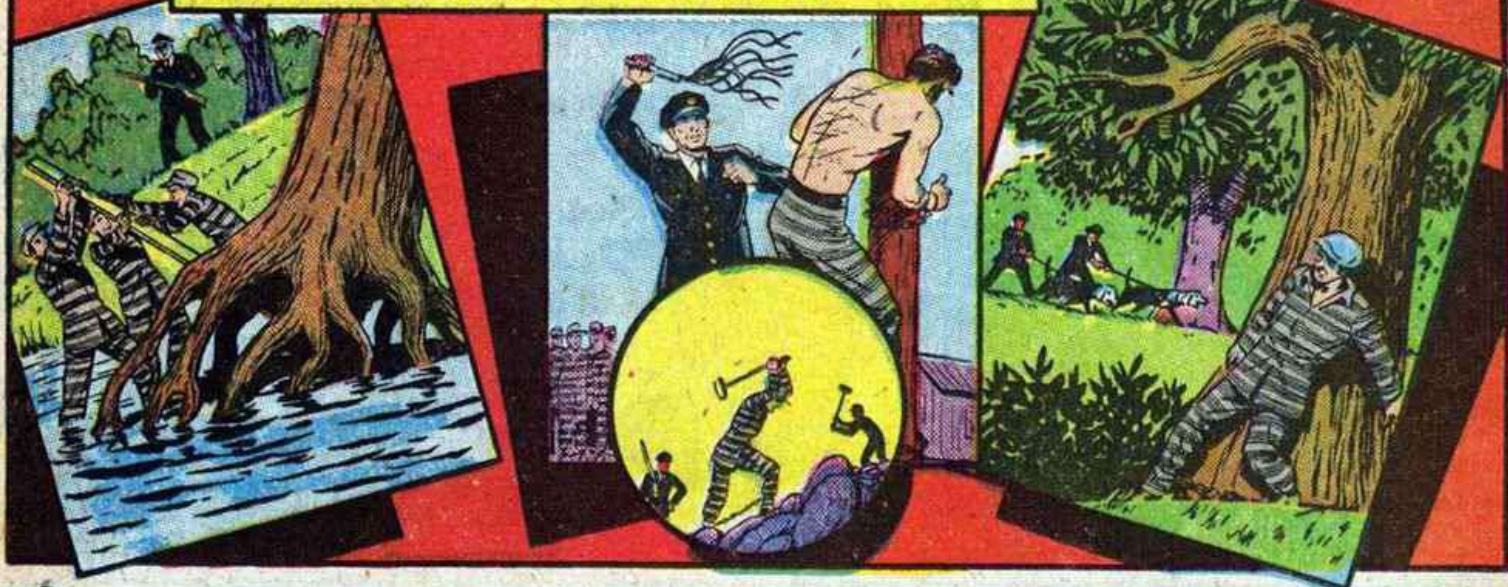


IT WAS AT THE CALEDONIA PRISON FARM THAT MARSH MET THE MAN WHO WOULD INFLUENCE HIS LIFE FOR YEARS TO COME!





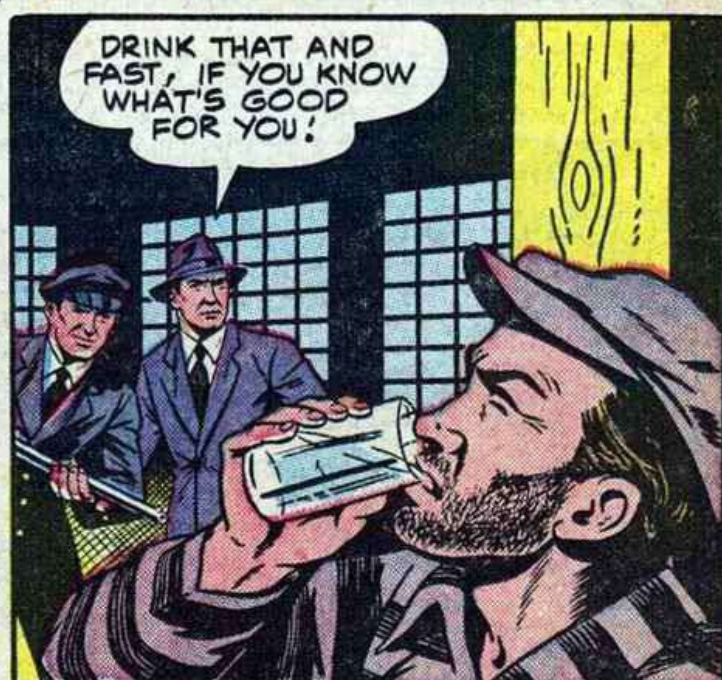
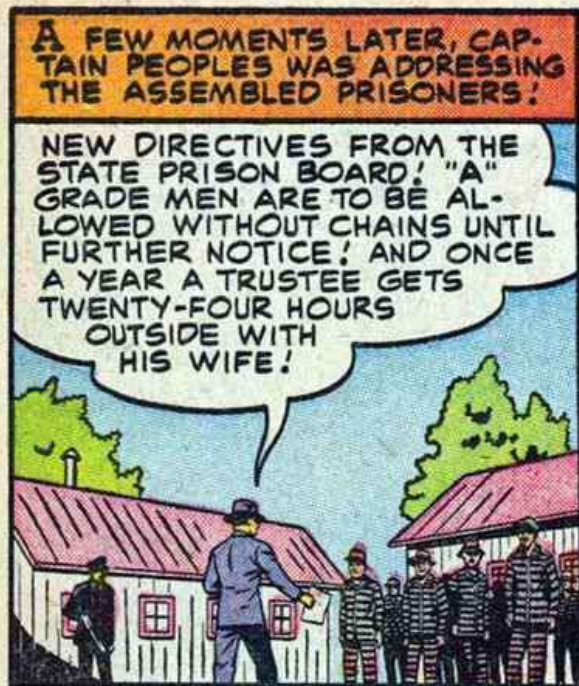
IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, MARSH WILLIAMS FOUND OUT WITH SAVAGE INTIMACY ABOUT THE BRUTAL LIFE ON THE CHAIN GANG!



AND IN THOSE LONG BITTER WEEKS, MARSH SANK EVER DEEPER INTO A SULLEN AND RESENTFUL MOOD! ONE DAY AT MAIL CALL...











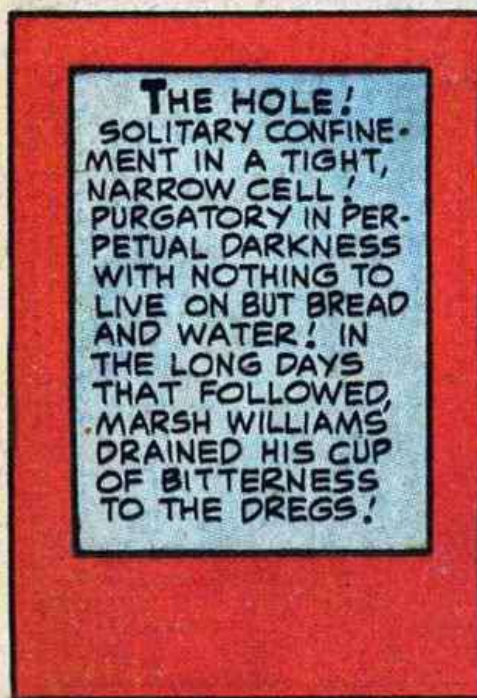
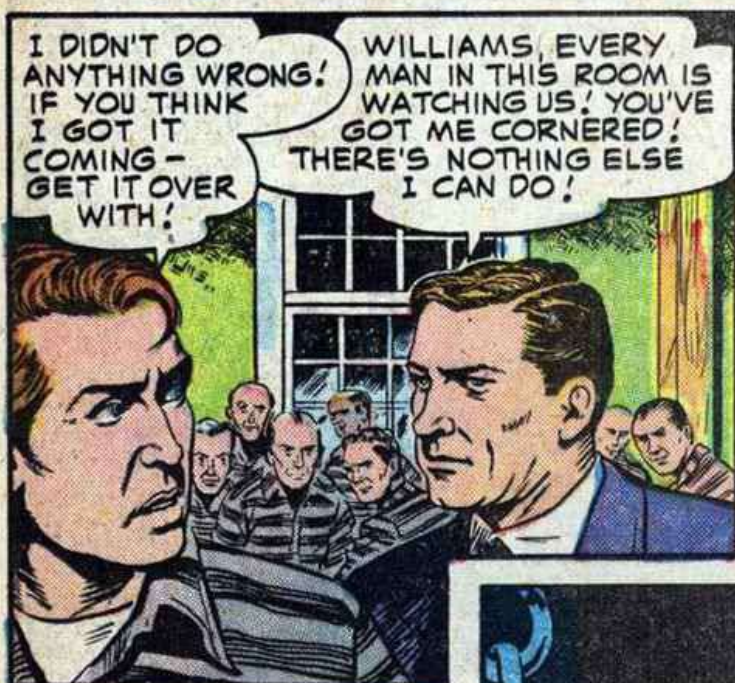
**T**WO DAYS LATER, OUT IN THE SWAMPS, CAPTAIN PEOPLES MADE AN INSPECTION OF THE CHAIN GANG'S WORK! MARSH WATCHED HIM APPROACH AND SUDDENLY LEAPED FORWARD!













BUT FOR MANY WEEKS MARSH'S STUBBORN COURAGE REFUSED TO ALLOW HIM TO BEG FOR MERCY! THEN ONE DAY, THE PRISON DOCTOR REPORTED TO THE CAPTAIN'S OFFICE!

I'LL BREAK HIM, DOC! I'VE HAD TOUGHER THAN HIM BEFORE!

BUT NONE OF THEM COULD TAKE MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS IN SOLITARY! WILLIAMS HAS BEEN IN THERE THIRTY! HE CAN'T STAY ALIVE MUCH LONGER!

I WANTED HIM TO BEG FOR MERCY, BUT, WELL — IF YOU WANT TO ORDER HIS REMOVAL I WON'T OPPOSE IT! I WONDER WHAT MAKES THAT GUY TICK?

IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO FIND OUT! I'LL WRITE OUT THE ORDER FOR HIS RELEASE!

IT WAS TWO DAYS LATER BEFORE MARSH WAS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO REPORT TO THE CAPTAIN!

WILLIAMS, I PUT YOU IN SOLITARY BECAUSE YOU BACK-JAWED ME IN FRONT OF THE MEN!

ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN! MAYBE NOW YOU'LL LISTEN TO MY SIDE OF THINGS!

I'M NOT ONE OF THEM! I'M NO CRIMINAL!

YOU PLEADED GUILTY TO MURDER! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR STILL THAT REVENUE AGENT WOULDN'T BE DEAD!

BUT THEY DIDN'T PROVE I DID IT! THIRTY YEARS WITHOUT ANY PROOF — THAT'S NOT FAIR!

THAT'S WHAT YOUR WIFE SAYS IN THESE LETTERS! IT ISN'T FAIR YOUR REFUSING TO SEE YOUR FAMILY, OR ANSWER THEIR LETTERS!

YOU SET A NEW RECORD IN SOLITARY, WILLIAMS! YOU CAN TAKE IT PHYSICALLY — BUT THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO!

DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE I WANT IT THIS WAY?

YOUR WIFE DOESN'T WANT IT THIS WAY EITHER! SHE WANTS TO SEE YOU, TALK TO YOU! SHE'S OUTSIDE WAITING!

MAGGIE HERE! I CAN'T LET HER SEE ME LIKE THIS!





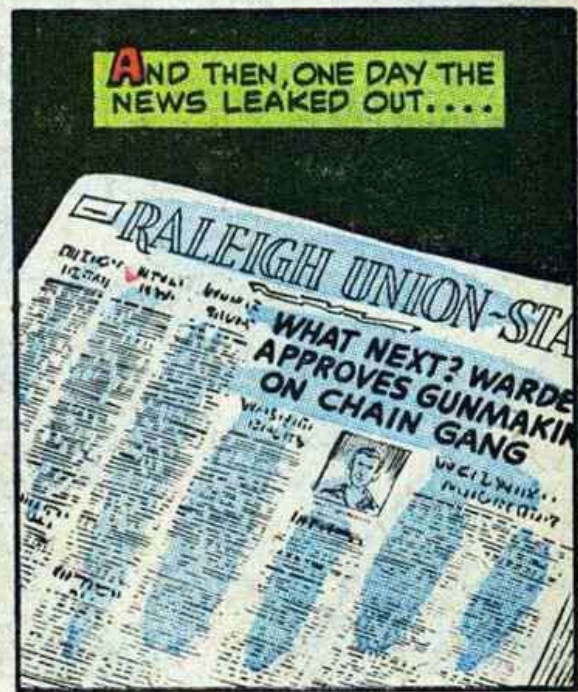
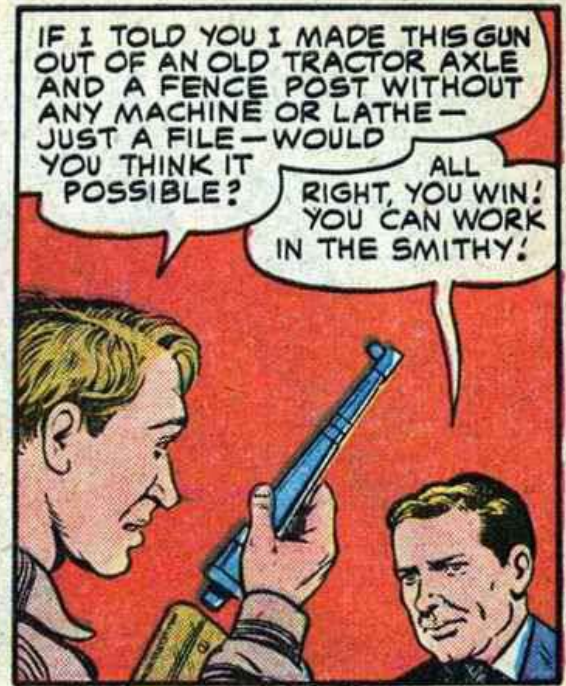














IN A MATTER OF DAYS, THE STATE PRISON BOARD CALLED CAPTAIN PEOPLES TO ACCOUNT!

LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES! THEY'VE MADE THIS BOARD THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THIS COUNTRY!

GENTLEMEN, I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT NEWSPAPER BUNK! I LET WILLIAMS MAKE THAT GUN BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE WILLIAMS HAS SOMETHING NEW!



WE'LL HAVE NO MORE OF THAT NONSENSE! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT WILLIAMS AND HIS GUN!

GENTLEMEN, WILLIAMS IS OUTSIDE, WAITING TO SHOW YOU THE GUN HIMSELF! --UNLESS YOU'RE AFRAID HE'LL CONVINCE YOU, TOO!



WELL, AS LONG AS HE'S HERE, WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AT IT!

FAIR ENOUGH!



MOMENTS LATER, MARSH WAS TRYING TO CONVINCE THE BOARD!

GENTLEMEN, MY GUN IS FINISHED! I WANT YOU TO LET ME PROVE IT WORKS!

SO YOU THINK WE'LL LET YOU LOOSE WITH A GUN AND BULLETS, DO YOU?



I'VE BEEN LOOSE WITH A FILE AND HACKSAW FOR YEARS! PLEASE, SIR, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS MECHANISM? TWENTY-FIVE PARTS IN THERE AND ALL MADE BY HAND!

NOT BAD! AND IT SEEMS MIGHTY LIGHT!

I FOUND OUT HOW TO MAKE A GUN FIVE POUNDS LIGHTER THAN EVER BEFORE! IT'S BECAUSE OF MY FLOATING CHAMBER!

HE MEANS THIS PART! EVERY AUTOMATIC KICKS BACK THREE AND A HALF INCHES, BUT THIS PISTON MOVES LESS THAN A TENTH OF AN INCH! HE CALLS IT A FLOATING CHAMBER!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN IN WAR, SIR? EVERY MAN COULD CARRY FIVE POUNDS MORE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT THAN HE DOES NOW!

WE'RE NOT RUNNING AN ARMS FACTORY! BESIDES IF WE LET HIM TEST THIS GUN, HOW DO WE KNOW HE WON'T TURN IT ON YOU AND YOUR MEN?







QUICKLY, MARSH WIPED THE GUN AND THEN...





YES, CLAUDE WILLIAMS KEPT WORKING ON THE GOVERNOR—AND WITH THE PUBLICITY OF THE GUN TESTS—AND THE HELP OF A STRONG LETTER FROM CAPTAIN PEOPLES, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE MARSH WILLIAMS RECEIVED A FULL PARDON!



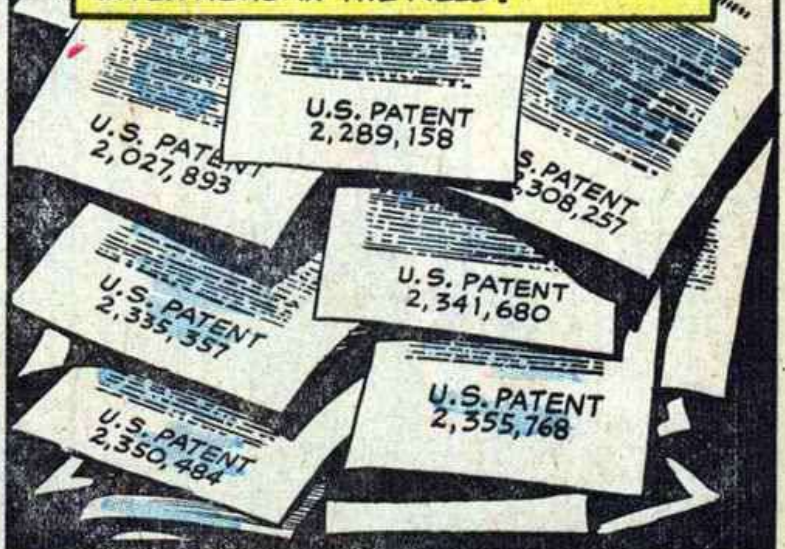
BUT THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING FOR MARSH! WITH HIS NEW PRINCIPLES IN GUN-MAKING HE WAS ABLE TO CONVERT THE ARMY .45 COLT TO A .22 CALIBRE!



HE BUILT A MACHINE GUN THAT COULD USE THE SAME .22 CALIBRE CARTRIDGE, AND SAVED THE ARMY A FORTUNE WHEN THEY BEGAN TO TRAIN MACHINE GUNNERS!



MARSH WILLIAMS REVOLUTIONIZED GUN-MAKING! HE PATENTED SIXTY-EIGHT INVENTIONS IN THE FIELD!



BUT MARSH'S FINEST WORK WAS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE M1, THE FIRST CARBINE TO BE ADAPTED TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN FORTY YEARS!



"THIS CARBINE WAS THE STRONGEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO OUR VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC."—GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR!



IN THE QUIET OF THE PRISON OFFICE YOUNG DAVID WILLIAMS LISTENED IN RAPT ATTENTION AS CAP PEOPLES FINISHED HIS STORY!

THERE'S THE GUN, DAVID! EIGHT MILLION OF THEM WENT TO WAR AND YOUR DAD HAD A LARGE SHARE IN DEVELOPING THEM!

I SEE!

YES, DAVID, PRISONS WERE TOUGH IN THOSE YEARS, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REFORMS SINCE THEN! BECAUSE OF MEN LIKE YOUR FATHER WE LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE OUR PRISONERS, AND HOW TO MAKE THEM BETTER MEN!

THAT'S WHAT I KNOW OF YOUR FATHER, DAVID! BUT I CAN ONLY TELL YOU ABOUT HIM! I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW TO FEEL! THAT'S UP TO YOU!

I UNDER-  
STAND, AND—  
THANK YOU,  
SIR!

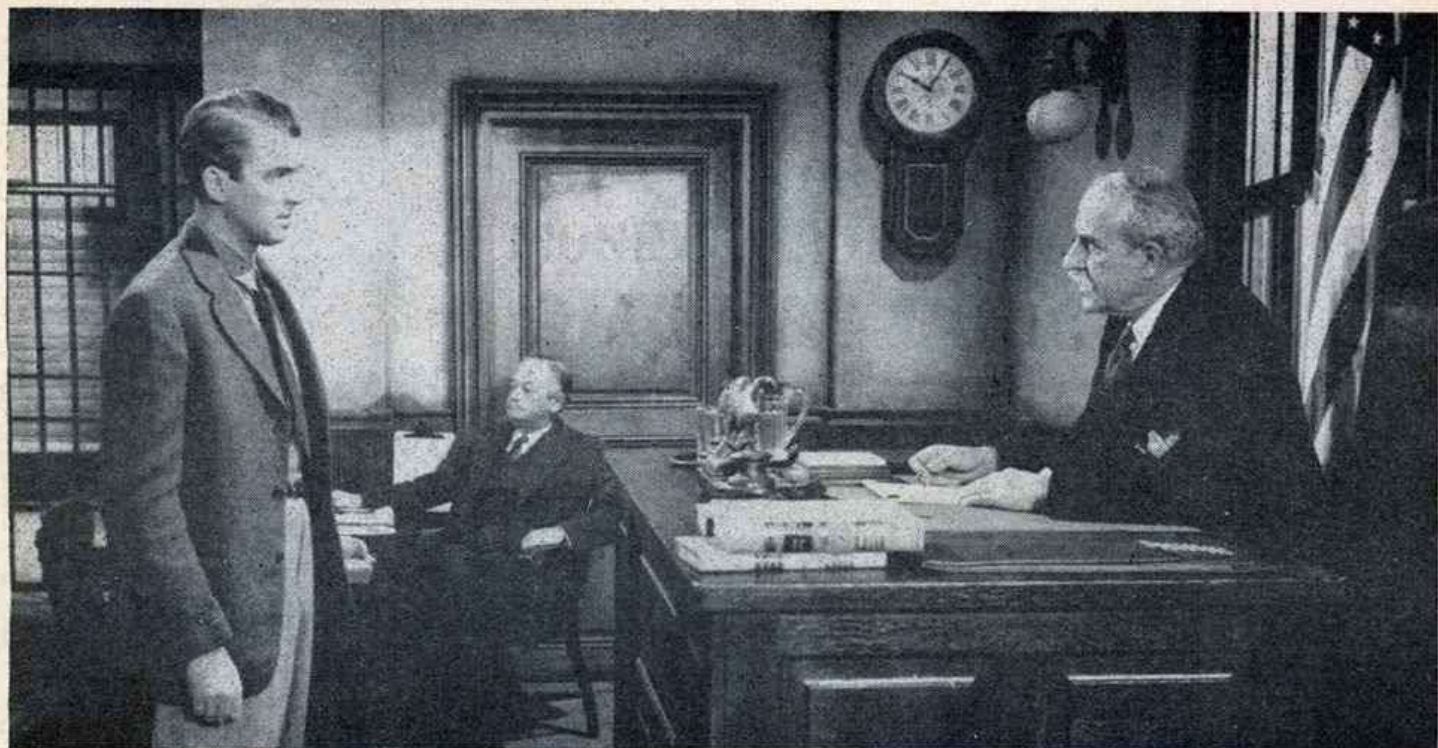
**M**OMENTS AFTERWARD, IN THE PRISON COURTYARD...

WELL, SON, ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ASK ME?

NO, SIR! I GUESS ALL MY QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED!

LET'S GO HOME, DAD!





**DRAMA** . . . *intense with heartbreaking realism*

**ROMANCE** . . . *alive with the passion of undying love*

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